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SUBJECT: CARLOS AFFAIR

1. IN FIRST PUBLIC MENTION OF REPORTS THAT "CARLOS" WAS IN BELGRADE, MORNING PRESS TODAY CARRIES STATEMENT BY FOREIGN SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN DENYING ACCURACY OF ALLEGATIONS IN WESTERN MEDIA. MEDIA. TEXT AVAILABLE ON TANJUG WIRE AND REPORTED ON WIRE SERVICES.

2. "BORBA" ALSO CARRIES VENOMOUS EDITORIAL LINKING CARLOS AFFAIR AND HIJACKING TO U.S. GOVERNMENT IN MOST SPECIFIC TERMS TO DATE. USIS IS SENDING EXCERPTS. WRITER POSES RHETORICAL QUESTION "DID NOT, FOR EXAMPLE, SOMEONE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT FORESEE IN ADVANCE 'CARLOS' ARRIVAL IN YUGOSLAVIA IN ORDER TO MAKE IT COINCIDE WITH THE HIJACKING OF THE PLANE AND THE WHOLE ANTI-YUGOSLAV INTRIGUE?" THE WRITER DESCRIBES THE U.S. AS BEING FLOODED WITH TERRORISTS "WHO ARE NOT UNKNOWN TO THE AMERICAN POLICE AND WHO MOST OFTEN WORK FREELY WITH THE SUPPORT OF VARIOUS SERVICES AND AGENCIES?"

3. TO DATE, FOREIGN PRESS SUMMARY CIRCULATED TO ELITE HAS FAILED TO CARRY ANY REPORTS ON CARLOS. LACK OF COVERAGE OF MAJOR STORY CONCERNING YUGOSLAVIA IN THIS
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MIMORY OF EMBASSY OFFICERS AND DEMONSTRATES EXTRAORDINARY
SENSITIVITY OF THE AFFAIR.

4. COMMENT: PUBLICITY OVER HIJACKING HAS GIVEN YUGOSLAVS
CONVENIENT IF ENTIRELY PHONEY SMOKESCREEN BEHIND WHICH
TO HIDE THEIR ROLE IN CARLOS AFFAIR.
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